

I. AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 39, without prejudice.

Please enter the following rewritten claims:

38. (Amended) A method of destabilizing a target protein in a cell, comprising; operatively coupling a target protein to a linear multimerized destabilization domain, wherein said linear multimerized destabilization domain is non-cleavable by a α -NH-ubiquitin protein endoproteases, and comprises at least two copies of a destabilization domain, and wherein said destabilization domain comprises a ubiquitin homolog.

40. (Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein said ubiquitin homolog comprises a mutation that prevents cleavage by α -NH-ubiquitin protein endoproteases.

50. (Amended) A recombinant DNA molecule, comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding;

- a) a linear multimerized destabilization domain, wherein said linear multimerized destabilization domain is non-cleavable by [a] α -NH-ubiquitin protein endoproteases, and comprises at least two copies of a destabilization domain,
- b) a target protein, and
- c) a linker moiety that operatively couples said multimerized destabilization domain to said reporter moiety,
wherein said linker is non-cleavable by a α -NH-ubiquitin protein endoproteases.

Please add the following new claims:

--80. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed *in vitro*.

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81. The method of claim 23, wherein the method is performed *in vitro*.
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82. The method of claim 38, wherein the method is performed *in vitro*--